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Wilson, Danielle

From: Wilson, Danielle
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2007 3:20 PM
To: Groves, Monica
Subject: FW: Nomination to Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors

Attachments: Letter of Nomination.pdf



Letter of
Nomination.pdf (63 K)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Steven Hook [mailto:shook@ci.west-allis.wi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2007 2:20 PM
To: Sen.Lassa
Cc: Patrick Murphy (E-mail); Sen.Sullivan
Subject: Nomination to Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors

Senator Lassa,

I am writing to introduce myself as having been nominated to serve on the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors as a public member. I'll be appearing before your Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Family Prosperity and Housing at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 28th.

I'm contacting you at the suggestion of Patrick Murphy, Asst. Appointments Director for Governor Doyle, and my State Senator, Jim Sullivan. Please refer to my attached letter to explain a little about who I am and my interest in the Engineering Section of the Examining Board. Please don't hesitate to contact me prior to my appearance if you have any questions or concerns that I can address. I look forward to meeting you and to serving on the Examining Board if approved by your committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Steve Hook

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STEVEN J. HOOK
CHIEF



CITY of WEST ALLIS
FIRE DEPARTMENT

February 21, 2007

Senator Julie Lassa, Chairperson, Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Family Prosperity and Housing
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Dear Senator Lassa,

Thank you for the opportunity to address your committee regarding my recent nomination to the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors. I have been nominated for as a public member of the Professional Engineer's section.

I am currently employed as Fire Chief for the City of West Allis, a position I've held for the last nine years. I've been with the fire department for 26 years, in varying roles including station and shift commander, public information officer and paramedic.

Late last year, I was encouraged to consider serving in one of the vacant State Board positions that were posted on the Governor's website. The engineering section interested me because of my son's career choice as a civil and structural engineer and currently project manager with Opus Architects and Engineers in Milwaukee (as an FYI, that relationship was not considered a conflict of interests).

The Blue Book description of the Board, particularly the engineering section, sounded interesting. The section appeared to have a significant impact on the profession and on the quality of work performed by engineers in Wisconsin. In fact, several of the section's responsibilities were very similar to issues that I deal with on a day-to-day basis as a fire chief, especially regarding interviewing, testing, and establishing and evaluating entry criteria for credentialing. I attended a meeting on February 1st that confirmed my understanding of the section and gave me an opportunity to interact with other members.

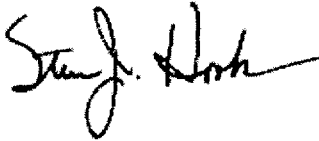
As a public employee, I am constantly concerned with the public's expectations of our fire department's services and I reevaluate or alter them as necessary. From my brief encounter with other section members, I've found that they share my concerns for the public's expectations of credibility for members of their profession. The section members are open to engaging in discussions that consider alternatives and new methods of licensing, but they also have an unwavering appreciation and respect for professional engineering certification, and they are persistent in maintaining the integrity of the credential.

From the perspective of evaluating applicants, I have a strong understanding of the importance of critically evaluating a person's qualifications, eliminating bias and maintaining fairness, when considering whether or not credentialing is awarded. I understand how standards are developed and how

laws are created and changed, and I respect the system. As a member of the Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors, I intend to uphold the process and maintain the professionalism that the credential deserves, ensuring the high quality of work that state-licensed professional engineers produce.

Thank you for your considering my appointment to the Board. If you have further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Hook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Hook" clearly distinguishable.

Steven Hook
Fire Chief